

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The below listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A printing agent service method, comprising the steps of:
receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal;
retrieving a printing agent printer site closest to the location of said client terminal based on said location information;
sending said nearest printing agent printer site to said client terminal for display; and
receiving said printing agent printer site specified by said client terminal, and sending the print data of said print request to a printer at said specified printing agent printer site; and
performing a printout when a client who has sent said print request instructs said printout at said printing agent printer site.

wherein said location information from said client terminal comprises at least one kind of information selected from mobile communications device base stations, zip codes, addresses, and telephone numbers.

2. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, wherein said sending step has a step for sending map information showing said nearest printing agent printer site based on said location information.

3. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, wherein said receiving step has a step for receiving GPS information from said client terminal.

4. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving step has a step for retrieving the current location of said client terminal based on said location information, and a step for retrieving the printing agent printer site nearest to said current location.

5. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further having a step for receiving agent printing results from said printer, and sending said agent printing results to said client terminal.

6. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for receiving a user ID from said client terminal, and sending to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID.

7. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 5, further comprising step for automatically debiting a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with said agent printing results.

8. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for instructing printing that includes an advertisement to said printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from said client terminal, and a step for discounting a printing fee in accordance with said agent printing that includes an advertisement.

9. (Original) The printing agent service method according to claim 1, further comprising a step for sending an agent printing fee to said client terminal in accordance with said agent printing results.

10. (Currently Amended) A printing agent service system, comprising:
a database for storing printing agent printer sites; and
a server for receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal, and retrieving, from said database, the printing agent printer site nearest to the location of said client terminal in accordance with said location information,

wherein said database further comprises at least one ~~database~~ of information on mobile communications device base stations, zip codes, addresses, and telephone numbers, in which are stored longitudes and latitudes corresponding to the respective locations thereof,

said location information from the client terminal comprises at least one kind of information selected from mobile communications device base stations, zip codes, addresses, and telephone numbers, and

said server sends said nearest printing agent printer site to said client terminal for display, and thereafter, receives from said client terminal a specified printing agent printer site, and sends print information of said print request to a printer at said specified printing agent printer site, and said printer performs a printout when a client who has sent said print request instructs said printout at said printing agent printer site.

11. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server sends map information showing said nearest printing agent printer site based on said location information.

12. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server receives GPS information from said client terminal.

13. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server retrieves the current location of said client terminal based on said location information, and thereafter, retrieves printing agent printer site nearest to said current location.

14. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server receives agent printing results from said printer, and sends said agent printing results to said client terminal.

15. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server receives a user ID from said client terminal, and sends to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID.

16. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 14, wherein said server automatically debits a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with said agent printing results.

17. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server instructs printing that includes an advertisement to said printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from said client terminal, and discounts a printing fee in accordance with said agent printing that includes an advertisement.

18. (Original) The printing agent service system according to claim 10, wherein said server sends an agent printing fee to said client terminal in accordance with said agent printing results.

19 (Currently Amended) A printing agent service method, comprising the steps of:
receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal;
retrieving a printing agent printer site closest to the location of said client terminal based on said location information;

sending said nearest printing agent printer site to said client terminal for display;
receiving the printing agent printer site specified by said client terminal, and sending the print data of said print request to a printer at said specified printing agent printer site; and
receiving a user ID from said client terminal, and sending to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID; and
printing said print data when a client who has sent said print request instructs printout at said printing agent printer site.

20. (Currently Amended) A printing agent service system, comprising:
a database for storing printing agent printer sites; and
a server for receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal, and retrieving, from said database, the printing agent printer site nearest to the location of said client terminal in accordance with said location information,
wherein said server sends said nearest printing agent printer site to said client terminal for display, and thereafter,
receives from said client terminal a specified printing agent printer site, and sends print information of said print request to a printer at said specified printing agent printer site; and
wherein said server receives a user ID from said client terminal, and sends to said client terminal the printing agent printer site selected in the past by the user indicated by said user ID; and

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wherein said printer performs a printout when a client who has sent said print request
instructs said printout at said printing agent printer site.